

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending perpendicular to the plane of the thin wall.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are displaceable in direction of the holding elements' outer surfaces, a free end of said holding elements being provided with a first inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of an other, inner side of the thin wall; wherein the supporting first inclined surface is inclined with respect to the inner side of the thin wall, and rests on the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall when the latch is in the mounted position; wherein the inclination of the supporting first inclined surface with respect to the surface of the thin wall is selected such that developing play, between the first inclined surface and the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall, is compensated by movement induced by spring pressure on the supporting first inclined surface onto the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall, when the latch is in the mounted position; wherein said free end of each of said holding elements is further provided with a second inclined surface for slam action, the second inclined surface being approximately at a right angle to the first inclined surface; wherein said body part and holding elements are separate parts; and wherein said holding elements are slides of similar construction which are diametrically oppositely arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder of the body part that is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The latch according to Claim 28;

wherein said slides are held against a pressure spring force of a spring by a hook arrangement locking between the slides or in the cylinder.

Claim 30 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27;

wherein when the two diametrically oppositely arranged holding elements are loaded to different extents, such as when a sash fastener is used, the holding element upon which the smaller load is exerted is made of flexible plastic such as polyamide and the other holding element, upon which the greater load is exerted, is made of rigid material such as metal.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are displaceable in direction of the holding elements' outer surfaces, a free end of said holding elements being provided with a first inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of an other, inner side of the thin wall;

wherein the supporting first inclined surface is inclined with respect to the inner side of the thin wall, and rests on the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall when the latch is in the mounted position;

wherein the inclination of the supporting first inclined surface with respect to the surface of the thin wall is selected such that developing play, between the first inclined surface and the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall, is compensated by movement induced by spring pressure on the supporting first inclined surface onto the rim or edge of the opening of the inner side of the thin wall, when the latch is in the mounted position;

wherein said free end of each of said holding elements is further provided with a second inclined surface for slam action;

wherein said body part and holding element are two separate parts; and

wherein said holding elements are slides comprising a rigid material which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder which is parallel to the plane of the thin wall, the slides -and being rectangular in cross section, and the slides being held against pressure spring force by a pin arrangement that is arranged between the slides, wherein the cylinder is formed of a body part having a rectangular cross-section, and wherein the slides are configured to be shiftable in the cylinder to have self-blocking functionality and provide a self-locking effect.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The latch according to Claim 31;
wherein the pin arrangement comprises screws that can be screwed into the head part.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The latch according to Claim 32;
wherein the screws determine the extent of the movement of the holding elements.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The latch according to Claim 28;
wherein the cylinder has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which the slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

Claim 35 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27;
wherein the latch is a swivel lever latch or a folding lever latch for fastening in an elongated opening or in two shorter rectangular openings, wherein one opening receives a lever bearing and the other opening receives a lever stop, wherein at least

one of the openings also serves to receive at least one body part with holding elements according to claim 27.

Claim 36 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 35; wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a trough for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the trough forms the head part of one or two body parts with holding elements in the area of the lever bearing such as a drive shaft.

Claim 37 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 35; wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a trough for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the trough forms the surface behind which the cam of a lever stop engages on the one hand and forms the head part of a body part with holding elements in the area of the lever stop on the other hand.

Claim 38 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 35; wherein the holding elements are formed by slides which are held so as to be displaceable and whose movement axis lies perpendicular to the longitudinal extension of the trough.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being separate parts;
said holding elements being formed by a leaf spring; and
said leaf spring being held at the body part by of a projection/recess.

Claim 40 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 39;
wherein the leaf spring is held in a slot formed by the body part.

Claim 41 (withdrawn – previously presented): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said holding element being formed by a stamped part.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said holding element being formed by a round bolt.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said head part having an offset in the region of the holding element for receiving edge bulges.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts;

said latch having a folding lever which is supported in the body part so as to be swivelable around an axis; and

at least two opposed holding elements being held in a channel formed by the body part so as to be displaceable in a direction parallel to the axis.

Claim 45 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position; and

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part and holding element being two separate parts;
said latch having a folding lever which is supported in the body part so as to be
swivelable around an axis; and
at least two pairs of opposed holding elements being held in channels formed by the
body part so as to be displaceable in a direction perpendicular to the axis.

Claim 46 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch,
folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which
overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the
mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its
outer surface, the free end of these holding elements being provided with an inclined
surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening
of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said latch having a drive which is supported in the head part and body part and carries a
sash fastener tongue.

Claim 47 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27;
wherein the body part and head part are injection molded so as to form one piece.

Claim 48 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27;
wherein the body part and head part are two parts which are screwed, welded, or
snapped together.

Claim 49 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27; wherein supporting elements are provided for supporting the holding elements after the latch is mounted in the thin wall, these supporting elements being held or carried by the body part.

Claim 50 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 49; wherein two holding elements which are arranged diametrically opposite from one another are supported by spring arrangements such as spiral springs and/or wedge arrangements such as conical screws.

Claim 51 (withdrawn): A latch such as a socket wrench latch, swivel lever latch, folding lever latch, sash latch for mounting in openings in a thin wall, comprising:
a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;
a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;
holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface, a free end of said holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;
said body part and holding element being two separate parts; and
said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending parallel to the plane of the thin wall.

Claim 52 (withdrawn – previously presented): The latch according to Claim 27;

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wherein two or more holding elements are arranged next to one another in each instance.